

Bahá'í Education Classes 2017

Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value.
Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures,
and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.
~ Bahá'í Writings ~

Curriculum

What is taught in Bahá'í Classes?

Bahá'í classes are based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. These include:

Central principles of the Bahá'í Faith

- the abandonment of all forms of prejudice
- the equality of women and men
- recognition of the unity of religious truth (one God, many religions)
- the elimination of extremes of poverty and wealth
- the realization of universal education
- the responsibility of each person to independently search for truth
- recognition that true religion is in harmony with reason and the pursuit of scientific knowledge

Spiritual reality & nobility of all people

We were created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization and to develop those spiritual qualities essential for our life now and in the spiritual world to come.

While inspired by the principles and ideals of the Bahá'í faith, Bahá'í education classes are not classes of religious indoctrination. The moral principles they seek to impart are applicable to people of all faiths - unity, kindness, love, justice, truthfulness and service - and the personal beliefs of the children and their families will be respected at all times. Parents are welcome to be present during the classes.

Methodology

How are Bahá'í classes taught?

Bahá'í classes combine different activities, all focused on the principal goal of motivating the development of attitudes and spiritual qualities. Learning opportunities include:

- Art and craft
- Cooperative games
- Music
- Prayer and meditation
- Drama focussed on real-life scenarios and moral dilemmas
- Peer-sharing and small group discussions, and
- Student-designed service opportunities to the school and community.

Your Child's Teachers

The teachers and their training

Bahá'í class teachers are volunteers and members of the Bahá'í Community. Their training consists of a sixteen-hour training course to learn how to conduct Bahá'í children's education classes, followed by a five-hour training on child protection. Thus they receive child safety accreditation both from the State Government (as Blue Card holders) and the national governing body of the Bahá'ís of Australia.

For More Information

If you have any questions about Bahá'í classes at **Graceville School**, contact **Zeeba Ferdosian** at **0421 960 424** or **zeeba@live.com**

For more info about Bahá'í education or to watch a video of what happens in Bahá'í classes, visit the children's education page on www.bahai.org.au.

Bahá'í Education Class Enrolment Form

Detach and send this completed form to the school office.

Student name: _____ Class: _____

Parent name: _____ Parent signature: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact phone no.: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____